

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 16 by rewriting same to read as follows.

B1
If YES in Step S2, the system control circuit 5 goes to Step S4. In Step S4, the circuit 5 determines whether the external apparatus is one that can store data or not. In other words, the circuit 5 determines whether or not the external apparatus has copying function. If the external apparatus has [[no]] a copying function, the system control circuit 5 goes to Step S5. In Step S5, the circuit 5 maintains the switch 13 in off state and supplies a signal via the authentication circuit 15 and interface 14, indicating that the audio data will not be output to the external apparatus. The circuit 5 causes the display section 17 to display the message indicating that the audio data will not be output to the external apparatus. In short, the system control circuit 5 controls the other components to reproduce data from the optical disk 2 and outputs analog audio signal SA via the D/A converter 12, when the external apparatus has the function of copying data. In this case, however, the circuit 5 does not output the audio data (hereinafter referred to as "digital audio signal").

Page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 8 by rewriting same to read as follows.

B2
On the other hand, if the external apparatus has no copying function, the system control circuit 5 goes from Step

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S4 to Step S3. In Step S3, the circuit 5 controls the other components to reproduce data from the optical disk 1 and output analog audio data, as described above, and controls the switch 13, turning on the same. Thereafter, the circuit 5 terminates the process.
